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OKLAHOMA BULLETIN NO. OK260-3-3

SUBJECT: INF - Earth Team Volunteer Program Mid-Year Status Report

Purpose: To inform employees of the upcoming Mid-Year Status Report and hours goal for FY03

Expiration Date: September 30, 2003

ACTION REQUIRED BY: April 13, 2003

This is a notification of the upcoming mid-year status report of Earth Team Volunteer hours for FY2003. The end of March will mark the halfway point for this fiscal year. Oklahoma's volunteer goal this year is 50,000 hours. which we were very close to last year. Everyone worked extremely hard to triple our hours and we did. Oklahoma was ranked in the top ten states nationwide in 2002 and we will continue to strengthen our program each year.

All current fiscal year volunteer hours must be reported to Becka Redding, Co-coordinator, ETVP, by **April 13, 2003**. Either fax, email, or mail a hard copy your Time and Attendance sheets (PER-004) to Ms. Redding as soon as possible after the end of March. In order to provide an accurate account to the National Earth Team Office, all current hours worked by volunteers must be reported for accumulation in the master report.

Oklahoma was able to capture a national/regional award for workgroup efforts. In addition, Oklahoma received the regional RC&D award and is eligible to compete for the national RC&D award to be announced in July. We have worked to recognize our volunteers with items of appreciation for their many hours of dedication to conservation efforts, and hope to continue to do so in the future.

We will continue to coordinate projects, like the recent Bluebird Trail Project. J. Kirk Schreiner, District Conservationist, Sayre, and ETVP Co-Coordinator, worked diligently to ensure the success of this project in February of 2003. This was a state and regional effort, producing great public interest and response. This project will continue as long as there is interest in the trail and those willing to volunteer their time to monitor the boxes. This is a great avenue to use in recruitment and utilization of volunteers at the local level.

Thanks for making our Earth Team Program a success in Oklahoma.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Dominick".

M. DARREL DOMINICK
State Conservationist

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